

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING**

**April 27, 28 and 29, 1998**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a Special-Called Meeting in the Student Union Annex at Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, Mississippi, on **April 27, 1998**, at 1:40 p.m., and pursuant to notice in writing on March 25, 1998, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this April 27, 1998, meeting. Board members attending the meetings are listed on page 3. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Luvane, Chair of the Mississippi Valley State University Presidential Search Committee.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the following finalist candidates for the presidency of Mississippi Valley State University:

Dr. Lester Newman, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Johnson C. Smith University  
in Charlotte, North Carolina

Dr. Gary A. McGaha, Professor and Chair of the Social Science Division, Atlanta  
Metropolitan College, Atlanta, Georgia

In Open Session, on motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Ms. Baker, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Dr. Pennington, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to go into Executive Session for reasons later reported by Mr. Luvane in Open Session and stated in these minutes.

Mr. Luvane reopened the meeting and announced that the Board had voted to go into Executive Session to:

Consider the above named candidates for the presidency of Mississippi Valley State  
University

**No action was taken.**

On motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Ms. Garrett, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to recess until 9:10 a.m., Tuesday, April 28, 1998.

On **Tuesday, April 28, 1998**, at 9:10 a.m., the Board convened from recess in Open Session in the Student Union Annex at Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, Mississippi.

In Open Session, on motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Ms. Garrett, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Ms. Garrett, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to go into Executive Session for reasons later reported by Mr. Luvane in Open Session and stated in these minutes.

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On motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Ms. Garrett, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to recess until 9:20 a.m., Wednesday, April 29, 1998.

On **Wednesday, April 29, 1998**, at 9:20 a.m., the Board convened from recess in Open Session in the Student Union Annex at Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, Mississippi.

In Open Session, on motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Dr. Pennington, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Dr. Pennington, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to go into Executive Session for reasons later reported by Mr. Luvane in Open Session and stated in these minutes.

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In Executive Session after discussion, on motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Ms. Baker, with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Mills voting against the motion, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board hereby appoints Dr. Lester Newman as President and Professor of Political Science of Mississippi Valley State University for a four year term beginning on or about July 1, 1998 at an annual salary to be established by the Board when it sets the salaries of Institutional Executive Officers for Fiscal Year 1999 and further, that the Board hereby appoints Dr. Lester Newman as an academic consultant at Mississippi Valley State University for the period April 30, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a rate of \$1,000 per day, plus such expenses as are reasonable and necessary to the performance of such consulting to review existing programs, operations and personnel at Mississippi Valley State University in order to effectuate an orderly transition in the Office of the President.

On motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Ms. Garrett, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to return to Open Session.

In Open Session, Mr. Luvane reported that the Board had taken action on appointment of a President of Mississippi Valley State University and that a press conference would be held at 11:30 a.m., April 30, 1998 to announce the appointment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Ms. Garrett and unanimously passed by those members present, the Board voted to adjourn.

**Attending Monday, April 27, 1998**

Board Members: Ms. Nan McGahey Baker, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. James Luvane, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Mr. J. P. (Jake) Mills and Dr. Cassie Pennington. (Not present: Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, Mr. William Sterling Crawford, Mr. J. Marlin Ivey, Mr. James Roy Klumb, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr. and Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton.)

Board Administrative Staff: Dr. Thomas Layzell, Commissioner of Higher Education

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Dr. Charles Pickett, Special Assistant to the Commissioner  
Ms. Debbie Harris, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

**Attending Tuesday, April 28, 1998**

Board Members: Ms. Nan McGahey Baker, Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. James Luvene, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Mr. J. P. (Jake) Mills and Dr. Cassie Pennington. (Not present: Mr. William Sterling Crawford, Mr. J. Marlin Ivey, Mr. James Roy Klumb, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr. and Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton.)

Board Administrative Staff: Dr. Thomas Layzell, Commissioner of Higher Education  
Dr. Charles Pickett, Special Assistant to the Commissioner  
Ms. Debbie Harris, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

**Attending Wednesday, April 29, 1998**

Board Members: Ms. Nan McGahey Baker, Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. J. Marlin Ivey, Mr. James Luvene, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Mr. J. P. (Jake) Mills, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr. and Dr. Cassie Pennington. (Not present: Mr. William Sterling Crawford, Mr. James Roy Klumb and Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton.)

Board Administrative Staff: Dr. Thomas Layzell, Commissioner of Higher Education  
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Also Present: Dr. Charles Taylor, Consultant, Lamalie Amrop International

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning